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President Obama speaks Wednesday about the \$819 billion stimulus plan, urging swift passage hours before a crucial House vote. GETTY IMAGES

CRISIS MODE

HOUSE OKS \$819 BILLION ECONOMIC STIMULUS BILL; CRITICS DECRY 'INSANE' PROGRAMS

Associated Press

WASHINGTON Looking beyond the House approval of an \$819 billion economic stimulus plan, President Obama said Wednesday the nation is at a “perilous moment” requiring swift and decisive action.

“We don’t have a moment to spare,” Obama said in the East Room of the White House, hours before a crucial House roll call vote.

The House approved it Wednesday night with a vote of 244-188, with Republicans unanimous in opposition. The bill heads now to the Senate, where debate could begin Monday.

Obama tempered the sense of urgency in his voice with an observation that he and corporate leaders “left our meeting confident that we can still turn our economy around.”

He has spent his first days in office trying to drum up bipartisan support for his expensive and expansive plan to help pull the country out of the year-old recession. It’s the first major

test of his presidency; how he handles the volatile situation, and the effect of his stimulus package on the economy, could well set the tone for his entire term.

The House measure had been estimated to cost \$825 billion, but the Congressional Budget Office updated the bill’s price tag to \$816 billion after accountants recalculated the cost. That total rose by \$3 billion when the House approved on a voice vote a Democratic amendment for mass transit.

The legislation already includes about \$550 billion in spending and roughly \$275 billion in tax cuts in hopes of spurring the economy and helping recession victims. Much of the spending would be for items such as health care, jobless benefits, food stamps and other such programs.

On Capitol Hill, Republicans expressed displeasure about “insane” programs that would be funded in the plan and “minuscule” tax

ON THE BILL

A few details from the \$819 billion economic recovery plan drafted by House Democrats and President Obama’s economic team:

- » Aid to the poor and unemployed: \$43 billion to provide extended unemployment benefits through Dec. 31, increase them by \$25 a week and provide job training.
- » Infrastructure: \$43 billion for transportation projects, including \$30 billion for highway and bridge construction and repair and \$12 billion for mass transit.
- » \$500 per-worker, \$1,000 per-couple tax cut for two years, costing about \$145 billion. Workers could expect to see about \$20 a week less withheld from their paychecks starting in June.

relief for small businesses.

House Minority Leader John Boehner (R-Ohio) promoted a GOP alternative and said the Democratic plan “won’t create many jobs, but it will create plenty of programs and projects through slow-moving government spending.”

MAIL DROP?

Massive deficits could force the post office to cut out one day of mail delivery, the postmaster general told Congress on Wednesday, according to The Associated Press.

If lawmakers grant his request to lift the requirement that the agency deliver mail six days a week, it doesn’t necessarily mean an end to Saturday mail delivery.

Tuesday could be on the chopping block instead. Previous post office studies have looked at the possibility of skipping some other day when mail flow is light, such as Tuesday.

Two days without mail delivery? The prospect has RedEye wondering who might be affected.



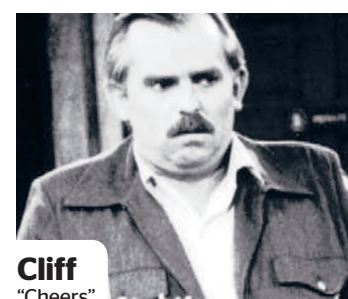
Newman
“Seinfeld”

Never delivered the mail when it rained anyway. Does this look like a man who needs another excuse?



Doug
“The King of Queens”

Though he works for a privately owned package delivery company, reduced government mail delivery could mean an uptick in business for “IPS,” and more work-related stress for Doug—nudging him ever closer to a dangerous chicken wing binge.



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Coming out— Facebook-style

One of my favorite features about Facebook is keeping track of the relationship status on friends' profiles—who is now dating, who is suddenly single, who lists their status as "it's complicated." And what the hell is that supposed to mean, anyway?

Facebook's relationship status can even help in the process of coming out of the closet. This is a good way to test the waters with your Facebook friends and your actual friends.

If, for example, you list your interest as "men" (if you are a man), then people will know you are subtly declaring yourself as gay. If they are cool with it, they will post congratulatory remarks on your page. If they aren't cool with it, then you de-friend them.

There was no Facebook when I was in college, so I had to come out the old-fashioned way: muster up the courage and tell people face-to-face.

But now, if someone is ready to come out but not ready to actually say it out loud, they can indicate it on their Facebook page by having their relationship status read "In a relationship with ... [insert name of same-sex partner here]."

My page states that I am in a relationship with Brad (obviously a man). So when old co-workers or high school friends find me online, they can see that I am gay.

Of course, the "Daily Hunk" feature on my Super Wall probably outs me before they even read my profile details.

I admit, I also like it when the Facebook relationship status confirms my suspicions of who among my old friends are gay. I recently friended someone from high school whom I hadn't seen since graduation. I always thought she might be a lesbian, and lo-and-behold, her status shows she is in a relationship with a woman. Brava!

This relationship status feature can be both a blessing and a curse. It allows for cyber-stalking to a certain degree because all of your fb-bfs can see all your business.

Recently, one of my friends "Alex" broke up with his partner. The way I and many of his Facebook best friends found out was because he changed his relationship status from "in a relationship" to "single"—a fact that was broadcast to all of his Facebook friends via e-mail alerts.

Poor Alex then was bombarded with messages, posts, e-mails, texts, phone calls, Tweets and carrier pigeons from people asking what happened.

So maybe you don't want to broadcast that you are gay or single, which is all well and good. But I maintain that you threw privacy out the window when you created a public account on a networking site and then collected hundreds of friends.

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Hype dream

Chicago's own ad guys know Super Bowl's all about the commercials

By **Kyra Kyles**

REDEYE

Like the football pros taking the field Sunday, one local advertising duo has survived several months—and several rounds of elimination—to make it to Super Bowl XLIII. Creative team Brant Herzer and Tyler Campbell went head-to-head with approximately eight to 10 internal teams at ad agency DDB Chicago, which produced more than 100 TV commercial scripts for beer maker Anheuser-Busch in the past month.

Of those, only 10 are chosen and produced.

And of those, only six might air, seven if the game goes into overtime.

The suspense is building for Herzer and Campbell, who have two spots in the running, they said.

"This is our first Super Bowl spot ever that has been in serious contention," the South Loop's Herzer, 28, said of the team's two ads. "I think we have a good chance."

Campbell was less optimistic, though it's not the duo's first brush with Super Bowl status.

Three years ago, as freelancers, two of their Anheuser-Busch concepts were selected, then shot and produced for possible airing. The ads didn't make it into the game, but Campbell and Herzer did end up landing permanent gigs with DDB Chicago. Their next big break—literally—came in 2007, when they earned awards and acclaim for their Bud Light commercial about two men trying to sneak brewskis during an opera, only to have a singer shatter the bottles with her voice.

Fast forward to Sunday: One of the two concepts the ad men will be rooting for is "Meeting," for Bud Light. "Meeting" centers on a corporate brainstorming session in which an

employee apparently not so wisely suggests that the company cut costs by not buying Bud Light for every meeting. An online preview made available by Anheuser-Busch stops short of the ad's punch line.

"Even if they tell us ours will air, it could change at any time," Campbell said with a nervous laugh. Indeed, there have been a "handful of instances" where Anheuser-Busch has made changes late in the process, the company's chief creative officer, Bob Lachky, confirmed.

"I'm very superstitious," Campbell said. "After all, I'm from Boston."

Football has its fervent fans, but Super Bowl is all about the ads for Herzer, Campbell and other local ad experts. Throughout the game, the creative minds behind the traditional commercials will focus less on the pigskin than industry and anecdotal reaction to their concepts.

Commercials continue to be king on Super Bowl Sunday, said John Condon, an executive at Chicago-based ad agency Leo Burnett. Condon, the firm's chief creative officer, said he has worked on at least a half-dozen ads that aired during football's game of the year.

"You have an audience of 95 million people watching," Condon said. "Everybody is going to see what you've done—from neighbors to friends. Everyone."

Yes, the stakes are that high.

Add to that the cost of airtime this year: most ads are priced at \$3 million for 30 seconds, according to the head of a local university panel that assesses ad success and failure.

Super Bowl ads can make or break a brand, said Tim Calkins, the Northwestern University professor who heads the Kellogg School Super Bowl Advertising Review. The investment is even riskier this year amid a weak economy. A number of former Super Bowl mainstays are taking a veritable bye week, including FedEx and GM. Both brands opted not to run spots this year for financial reasons, The Associated

Press reported.

"The lineup is not what it usually is for Super Bowl 2009," said Calkins, who along with an approximately 35-member group of faculty and students, have judged ads the past five years.

"They may have fewer to judge this year," Calkins predicted.

However, it's not unheard of for an advertiser to double dip. Anheuser-Busch could air as many as eight Super Bowl spots if the game goes into overtime, according to Lachky.

Why so much airtime? The beer brewer has big shoes to fill, according to Calkins, who said Anheuser-Busch traditionally receives critical and audience acclaim for its humor-focused Bud Light campaigns and the more heartfelt ads for its Budweiser brand.

But there will be plenty of companies competing on the memorability front, Calkins said, citing this year's lineup, including a 3-D commercial for DreamWorks Animation's "Monsters vs. Aliens."

"That's a great way to make a splash," he said. "Customers will have to get these glasses and anticipate the moment. It's an astonishing concept."

Three-dimensional or two, ad success for any Super Bowl all-star depends on its ability to make viewers laugh or touch their hearts.

"Ads have to strike the right tone and communicate," Calkins said. "People are feeling differently this year. Some advertisers will try to adjust to that. But by and large, we'll still have a lot of humor and big production."

Reaction to ad performance will be swift—and in some cases cruel—as Calkins and Condon can attest.

Still, Herzer and Campbell said they are psyched for their shot at Super Bowl glory.

"This is the closest we're going to get to being on TV in a big way," Campbell said, joking. "Neither of us is particularly attractive." **KKYLES@**

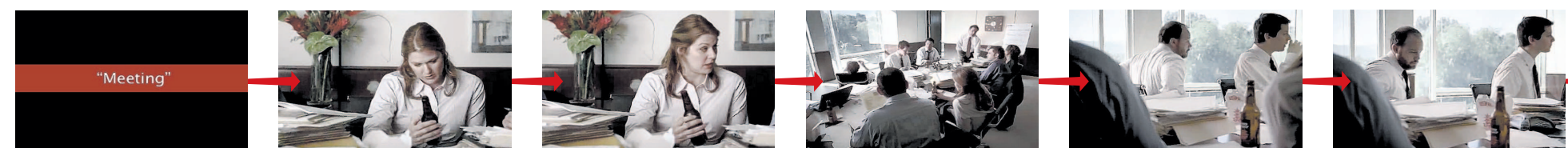
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Brant Herzer (left), an art director, and copywriter Tyler Campbell have created two ads they hope will air during this weekend's Super Bowl.

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30 SECONDS OF FAME

Herzer and Campbell's "Meeting" for Bud Light is a finalist to air during the Super Bowl.





Truth in advertising

For ad inspiration, 32-year-old Tyler Campbell watches **funnyordie.com** and, occasionally, '80s videos starring one Huey Lewis. Brant Herzer, 28, bristles when friends think Bud Light ad creation involves "goofing off" while guzzling his client's product.

Want more fun facts about our real-life ad duo from DDB Chicago? Have at it, in a little speed round we call "truth in advertising":

On life before the Bowl:

"We pretty much spend [late] nights and weekends in the office starting in the fall ... maybe even late summer," Campbell, who lives in Edgewater, said, adding that the pre-Super Bowl schedule is hard on his wife, Betsy, and their 9-month-old son, Duncan.

Herzer, too, said his wife is irked by the long hours. "But they know it's only temporary," said Herzer, who lives in the South Loop.

On stress relief:

There are three heavy bags hanging at random in DDB Chicago's vivid, glass-dominated offices downtown. Only Campbell has punched one. Big mistake. "I was mad that an idea I really cared about got killed, so I swung," he said. "There was a real pain in my wrist, and I was surprised at how hard the bag was. I doubt I'll be doing that again."

On writers' block:

What does Herzer do when he hits the creative wall? "Hope Tyler's got an idea," the art director deadpanned.

On their least favorite reaction to their work:

The "bank teller smile"—a frozen, forced smirk—is a fate worse than hate when it comes to ads, Campbell said: "Tell me how you really feel even if you didn't like it. Just don't do the smile." **KYRA KYLES**

Ad libs

Triple threat! Check out three buzz-worthy ads to watch for this Super Bowl Sunday:



Monster.com

The buzz: **Monster.com** is back on the scene after a five-year hiatus, bringing its Bowl beef to career-placement competitor **careerbuilder.com**. Our money is on Monster. The CareerBuilder spot (above) features a frazzled employee in her car, being menaced by a pasty cube-mate in a Speedo and possibly punching a near-sighted (fake) koala.



'Monsters vs. Aliens'

The buzz: DreamWorks Animation and PepsiCo's SoBe Lifewater are teaming up for a 3-D spot that requires—you guessed it—special glasses that allow you to see the SoBe Lizards and stars from the animated flick "Monsters vs. Aliens" get their dance on alongside current NFL stars (above). Synchronize goggles!



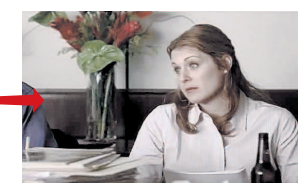
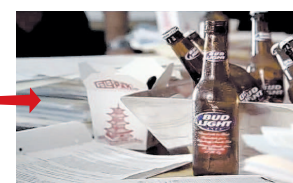
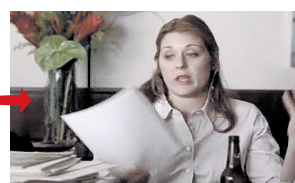
'Shower'

The buzz: This ad is one of two Super Bowl possibilities from Go Daddy, spokeswoman Elizabeth Driscoll said, adding that online voting will determine which one airs.

"Shower" features pro racer Danica Patrick lathering up while apparently under remote control by a randy college student. The ad ends as Patrick is about to be joined in her suds-fest by a sexy German woman. Of course, you have to finish viewing the spot—or its buxom lady-filled counterpart, "Baseball"—at **godaddy.com**.

Either concept definitely promises another Go Daddy signature "oh-no-they-didn't" moment.

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Tough spot



New schools chief booed at 1st meeting

Chicago Tribune

Newly installed Chicago Public Schools CEO Ron Huberman got a rude awakening at his first board meeting Wednesday as dozens of parents and teachers blasted plans to close and reorganize 22 schools.

Huberman

Even though the changes had been announced by his predecessor, U.S. Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Huberman was booed by a packed audience who called him an educational novice and a political appointee of Mayor Daley. Huberman has led the CTA and was Daley's chief of staff.

Board of Education President Rufus Williams defended Huberman from the heckling by threatening to remove troublemakers.

While the board is not set to vote until next month on the latest round of school closings and reorganizations, a coalition of nearly a dozen groups including the Chicago Teachers Union, the Caucus of Rank and File Educators and others held news conferences Wednesday to speak out against the proposals.

They accuse the district of closing down schools as part of Daley's efforts to push his Renaissance 2010 plan to open 100 new schools. Critics say the push is a way to put schools in gentrifying neighborhoods under control of private companies and to fire union teachers. The district claims the schools have low enrollment or are academically failing.

"It's becoming increasingly clear that this is not an education plan, it is a business plan, it is a real estate developer plan that has nothing to do with education," said Karen Lewis, a teacher at King College Prep.

Quit yer whinin', D.C.

President Obama and his two daughters have a message for Washington, based on years of Chicago winters: Toughen up.

A dusting of snow—followed by melting, rain, sleet and then overnight freezing—packed much of the Washington area in ice Wednesday morning. Schools throughout the region shut down, including Sidwell Friends, where Sasha and Malia Obama are enrolled.

"Can I make a comment that is unrelated to the economy, very quickly?" Obama asked at the White House on Wednesday. "My children's school was canceled today because of what—some ice?"

As reporters and business leaders laughed, Obama added: "My 7-year-old [Sasha] pointed out that [in Chicago] you'd go outside for recess in weather like this. ... You wouldn't even stay indoors. So it's—I don't know. We're going to have to try to apply some flinty Chicago toughness to this town." **TRIBUNE**



Sen. Jim DeLeo listens to questions Wednesday during Gov. Blagojevich's impeachment trial. **MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE**

YES, GOVERNOR?

Senate president: Blagojevich wants to speak Thursday at trial

Associated Press

SPRINGFIELD Gov. Blagojevich wants to make a statement, but not answer any questions, at the impeachment trial he has thus far avoided, the Illinois Senate president announced Wednesday.

A buzz swept through the Senate chambers when President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) made the surprise announcement on the unprecedented trial's third day.

"It's my understanding that the governor wishes to file an appearance to give a closing argument, not to testify or to submit himself to cross-examination," Cullerton told the trial. "Just to give a closing argument."

The Democratic governor has refused to take part in the proceedings. Instead, he appeared on one news show after another to proclaim his innocence and declare the trial unconstitutional, saying he wouldn't dignify it by participating.

But Wednesday afternoon, Blagojevich's acting chief of staff

met with Cullerton's chief of staff and asked that the governor be allowed to make a statement before the Senate votes Thursday on whether to convict and remove him from office.

Blagojevich spokesman Lucio Guerrero said he didn't know what the governor planned to say but that he decided to go to Springfield because he wants a chance to make his argument.

"I don't think he's going down there to resign, I think he's going down to make his appeal to the senators," Guerrero said.

Making a closing statement would be different from testifying, which would have allowed senators and the impeachment prosecutor to question Blagojevich.

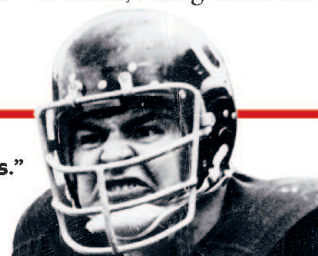
Sen. Dan Cronin (R-Elmhurst) called the governor's request "cowardly, but consistent with the way he has governed."

The two-term governor has denied any wrongdoing since being arrested last month on a variety of corruption charges, including scheming to benefit from appointing President Obama's U.S. Senate replacement and demanding campaign contributions in exchange for state services.

Cullerton said the governor would be given 90 minutes to make a closing statement—in effect, acting as his own attorney.

TOUGH ENOUGH? Other ways Washington could take a cue from Obama and add some "flintiness."

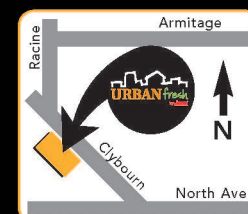
- » Require all local softball leagues to play bare-handed.
- » Serve Italian beef for state dinners.
- » Appoint Dick Butkus (right) as head of the National Endowment for the Arts.



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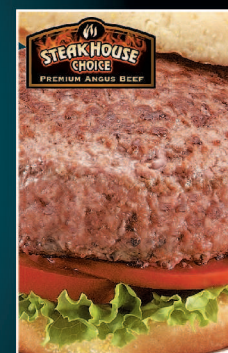
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HOW CHICAGO WORKS

Task masters

No time for decorating or oil changes? Outsource errands

By **Leonor Vivanco**
REDEYE

Dr. Kimberly Wright's Christmas tree stood in a living room for two weeks without any decorations. That changed last month, when Emily Lytle and Carolyn Schnuck drove to Naperville to festively spruce it up for

THE PROFESSIONALS

Names: Emily Lytle, 25, and Carolyn Schnuck, 27

Job: Founded Endeavor Concierge in December

Office: Home offices in Old Town and Lakeview

What they do: Act as personal assistants, charging \$34.95 to \$558.95 for a range of service packages.

Wright, who's on bed rest and pregnant with twins.

Earlier this month, they returned for two hours to untangle the strands of white lights, remove gold ornaments and red ribbons from the tree, and box up the holiday decorations.

Wright called Lytle and Schnuck "godsenders."

But they're more like personal assistants for hire. Lytle and Schnuck run Endeavor Concierge, where they fetch items and run errands booked through their Web site. Wright paid them \$93.94 for the Christmas decorating job.

"People don't have time. And we're trying to save you time," Schnuck said.

The growing concierge and errand service industry has doubled in size the last couple of years, according to the International Concierge and Errand Association, a non-profit trade association. Founded in 2001, the association counts more than 500 members in more than 20 countries.

Chicago-based Errand Solutions launched in 2000 and now has locations in 17 states servicing corporate clients including Northwestern and Children's Memorial Hospital. A World Class Concierge Service followed in 2003, and Chicago Anytime Assistants formed in 2008.

The outsourcing of errands has even spread overseas on sites like asksunday.com or getfriday.com, where virtual assistants in India book travel plans and manage calendars.

Like hotel concierges, Lytle and Schnuck aim to give clients VIP treatment and cater to their needs. But not every need can be met. For example, the duo had to turn down a request to wrap 50 presents the afternoon of Christmas Eve.

Jobs they're willing to do range from the glamorous (planning a cocktail party or personal shopping) to the mundane (housesitting or taking cars in for service).

Lytle, who used to manage a high-end clothing boutique's Web site, said she got the idea for Endeavor after once putting off getting her car's oil changed for 10,000 miles.

"I was working in a job where I never got home before 8 p.m. and never made it to Jiffy Lube because it was closed," Lytle said. "On the way home one day, I thought, 'There are probably so many people out there who don't want to spend their weekends getting oil changes.'" LVIVANCO@TRIBUNE.COM



United Airlines has taken a more aggressive approach to cleaning the interior of its airplanes. **ALEX GARCIA/TRIBUNE**

Cleaner planes to land

Chicago Tribune

Until recently, passengers trapped onboard U.S. airlines were forced to sit amid other people's filth: crumbs, coffee stains, dirty Kleenex in seat-back pockets and often far-worse detritus in bathrooms as carriers skimped on cleaning to save money.

Ewww. But now airlines are cleaning up their act and their planes as passengers travel less and become more sought-after customers due to the recession, finally acknowledging service shortfalls that have made flying within the U.S. such a misery in recent years.

Among them, United Airlines is starting to pay greater attention to its planes, after scoring last in a J.D. Power and Associates survey of airline customer service in 2008, and tying with Northwest Airlines for the lowest consumer ranking of its aircraft interiors.

Starting last fall at O'Hare, United overhauled both how it tackles dirt and stains on its jets and how often it does so.

American Airlines, which along with United dominates

flights out of O'Hare, has seen passenger complaints about dirty planes fall by 40 percent since it stepped up its cleaning last year, said spokesman Tim Smith.

At a time when airlines are scrambling to attract passengers, ridding an aircraft cabin of grime is a business necessity. Cleanliness "absolutely" affects passenger loyalty, said Jack Smith, senior vice president for customer service with AirTran Airways.

United's aircraft typically would languish for six months between "heavy" cleans, and sometimes as long as every 18 months. That is an intensive scrubbing of the passenger cabin, done every 30 days at many carriers, where every surface is swabbed, carpet shampooed, nooks and crannies scoured, seat-cushion removed and searched for stains.

Now, the intensive cleans are done every 30 days for the smaller United jets that fly within the U.S., and every 15 days for the wide-body aircraft that cross the Atlantic and Pacific.

Mob boss sentenced

A Chicago Outfit boss convicted in the landmark Family Secrets trial in 2007 was sentenced Wednesday to life in prison. A jury convicted Frank Calabrese Sr. and other Chicago mob bosses in a conspiracy stretching back to the 1960s, linking them to numerous gangland slayings. Speaking to Calabrese during sentencing, U.S. District Court Judge James Zagel told him, "Your crimes are unspeakable."

Obama's new old chef

A chef who cooked for the Obamas in Chicago is now cooking for them in the White House, according to The Stew, the Tribune's food blog. A spokeswoman for Michelle Obama has announced that Sam Kass, who earned his chef cred working at Avec, is going to the White House. Kass will work alongside the White House executive chef, Cristeta Comerford, who cooked for the Bushes.

9 hurt in CTA bus crash

Nine people were hospitalized after a crash involving a CTA bus Wednesday on the West Side, a fire official said. The victims were passengers on a No. 126-Jackson bus when it and a car collided near Jackson Boulevard and Kedzie Avenue, officials said. The injuries were not thought to be life-threatening, but the victims were taken to several hospitals to be treated.

Inmates injured

Nine Cook County Jail inmates were hurt Wednesday—six of them stabbed—after a gang brawl broke out in a maximum-security wing as prisoners were being released from their cells for breakfast, authorities said. "There's something going on between these two gangs out on the street that's spilling over to the jail," said Cook County sheriff's police spokesman Steve Patterson. The entire jail was put on lockdown as a precaution.



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No delay for digital TV switch

8 **WASHINGTON** Bucking the Obama administration, House Republicans on Wednesday defeated a bill to delay the upcoming transition from analog to digital TV broadcasting to June 12—leaving an estimated 6.5 million U.S. households unprepared for the switchover.

The 258-168 vote failed to clear the two-thirds threshold needed for passage in a victory

for GOP members, who warn that postponing the transition from the current Feb. 17 deadline would confuse consumers.

House Republicans say a delay also would burden wireless companies and public safety agencies waiting for the spectrum that will be freed up by the switch, and create added costs for TV stations that would have to continue

broadcasting both analog and digital signals for four more months.

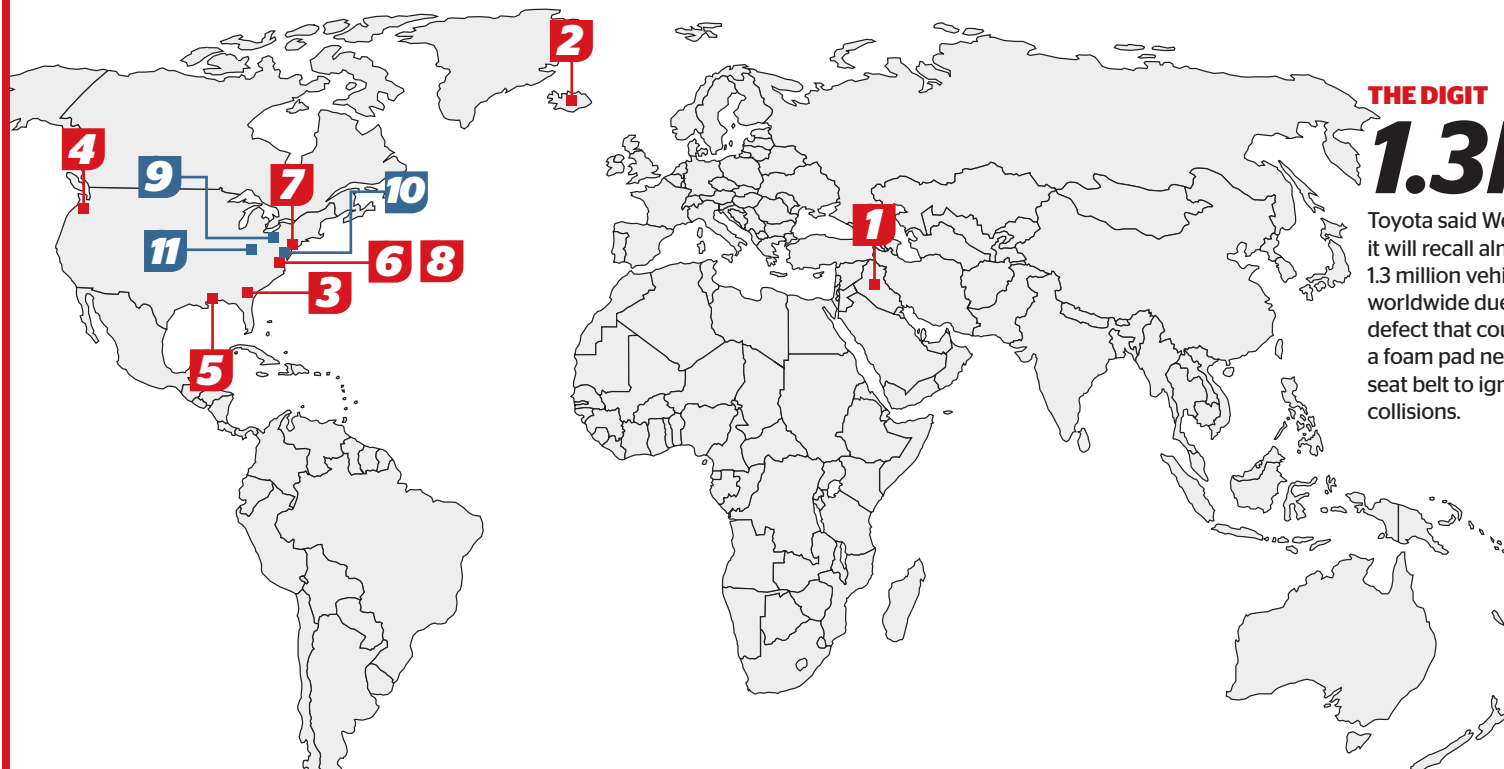
The defeat is a setback for President Obama and Democrats on Capitol Hill, who maintain that the Bush administration bungled efforts to ensure that all consumers will be ready for next month's analog shut-off.

The next step remains unclear.

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Toyota said Wednesday it will recall almost 1.3 million vehicles worldwide due to a defect that could cause a foam pad near the seat belt to ignite during collisions.



SNOWY NATION

A winter storm packed quite a wallop from the Southern Plains to the East Coast, dropping around 10 inches on Indianapolis, almost 3 inches on Philadelphia and more than 6 inches in Syracuse, N.Y. Nationwide, more than a million people were left without power.

Syracuse, N.Y.

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AP PHOTOS

Iraqis vote

1 Soldiers, hospital patients and even prisoners filled ballot boxes Wednesday in special early voting for provincial elections that will be a test for Iraqi forces trying to prevent violence and could set up future political showdowns for Iraq's leadership.

Iceland's new leader

2 Iceland's next leader will be 66-year-old Johanna Sigurdardottir, an openly gay former flight attendant who parlayed her experience as a union organizer into a decades-long political career.

Peanut plant problems

3 Roaches, mold and signs of a leaking roof were among numerous problems federal inspectors uncovered at a Georgia peanut plant implicated in the national salmonella outbreak, the government said Wednesday.

Starbucks making cuts

4 Starbucks announced Wednesday it plans to close 300 stores and cut up to 6,700 jobs in fiscal year 2009.

Mayoral trouble

5 The mayor of Gulfport, Miss., which was devastated by Hurricane Katrina, pleaded not guilty Wednesday to charges he lied to get disaster assistance to repair his damaged beachfront home.

Gore's warning

6 Former Vice President Al Gore, testifying before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, urged lawmakers Wednesday not to let the economic crisis get in the way of addressing global warming.

You've got layoffs

7 AOL is cutting up to 700 jobs, or about 10 percent of the Internet unit's work force, in a bid to cut costs.

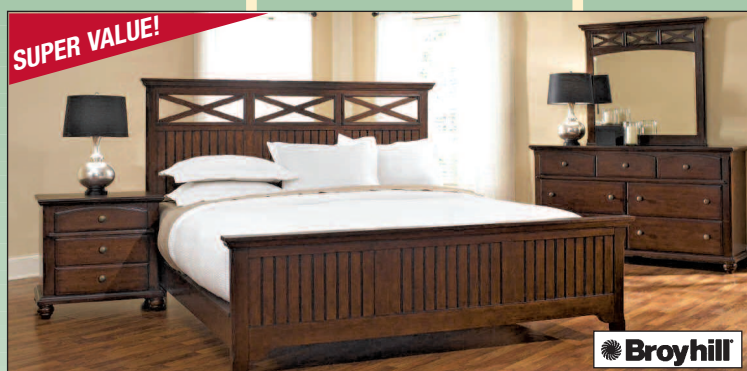
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The White Sox are now the president of the United States' First Team in baseball. Therefore, it is natural to make a statement of fact: We are now the game's First Fans.

With great power comes great responsibility. The world is now watching our every move (and trade).

So think of SoxFest 2009 as our congressional summit. Dress the part. Represent the passion and pride of a team that said "Yes We Can" in 2005 and almost did it again in 2008.

Have faith that Kenny Williams brought change we need in the off-season to build for a better future.

Follow these simple guidelines at SoxFest in serving as a member of the Sox senate and redefine fanaticism for the nation:

» Wear your presidential colors. Do you think it was an accident that the president and first lady dressed in black and white at the inaugural ball?

» In: Obama White Sox jerseys and Soxman 2017 T-shirts. Out: Anything Javy Vazquez or Orlando Cabrera.

» Vote to end the trade embargo with Cuba as long as we get more imports like Alexei Ramirez.

» In: The Presidential Dance. Out: The Swisher Worm.

» Lobby for an amendment to replace the presidential seal with the White Sox logo.

» Vote to change the address of the White House from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave. to 35th Street and Shields Avenue.

» Resist the urge to sing "Na Na Na Na Hey Hey Goodbye" if the Cubs' top fan is impeached this week.

» Finally, in the spirit of bipartisanship and diplomacy, reach across party lines to wish Cubs fans good luck in the 2009 campaign and vote in favor of their bailout, again.

SOXMAN

Honoring the Go Go Sox

Every time you sing "Let's Go Go Go White Sox" while catching a ballgame on the South Side, you honor the 1959 AL Champion Go Go Sox. Capturing the team's first league championship since the 1919 Black Sox, the team symbolized redemption for a franchise whose style of play emulated the blue-collar work ethic of their fans. Winning by playing Ozzie Ball before the current Sox skipper was even born, Luis Aparicio's speed, Nellie Fox's glove and the arms of Billy Pierce and Early Wynn proved you could win without power. SoxFest honors the 50th anniversary of their title this weekend. **SOXMAN**

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CATCH THE MOMENT

Ever dream of screaming "You can put it on the board ... YEEESS" like Hawk Harrelson after a Carlos Quentin dinger? "Catch the Moment," the newest addition to SoxFest, allows fans to record their own broadcast call of famous White Sox moments and keep a DVD of their work as a souvenir.

AUTOGRAPHS AND PHOTOS

Sure the lines are long, but a couple dozen people combining to sign more than 18,000 autographs and pose for nearly 3,000 photos takes a lot of time, ink and smiles.

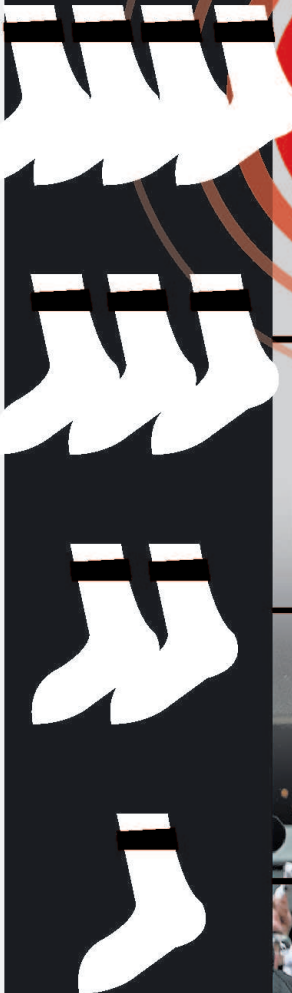
Soxman's advice: Target Jim Thome. With 541 career homers, he's a future Hall of Famer whose 2009 season could be his last with the Sox.

OPENING CEREMONIES (FRIDAY ONLY)

Anyone whose blood pumps and adrenaline races when the Sox intro flashes on the scoreboard does not want to miss this. Welcome back your 2008 AL Central champs with thunderstruck applause.

THE BASEBALL CLASSICS SEMINAR (SUNDAY ONLY)

Enjoy Hawk's in-game reminiscing about his days as a player? Then imagine the fun you'll have when the new TV tandem of Hawk and Steve Stone join Roland Hemond and Moose Skowron for a legends retrospective.



SOXFEST TICKETS

White Sox representatives say a small number of two-day passes are available for SoxFest this weekend. Friday night is exclusive for Palmer House Hilton guests. Single-day passes for Saturday and Sunday are sold out. **TRIBUNE**

YOUR 2009 WHITE SOX

Josh Fields or Dayan Viciedo at third base? Why did you really trade Nick Swisher? Who will be our fifth starter? Soxman lives for the Q&A portion of this event, where you can ask Ozzie Guillen, Kenny Williams, Ed Farmer and Darrin Jackson these questions and listen to them discuss the prospects of your 2009 team.

White Sox seeking 1st pitch from their first fan

The White Sox have formally invited President Obama to throw out the ceremonial first pitch before their season opener April 6 at U.S. Cellular Field.

In a letter dated Jan. 21, the day after the inauguration, Chairman Jerry Reinsdorf

asked the team's No. 1 fan to test his left arm before the White Sox play the Royals.

Obama has yet to respond, but has plenty of time to make the final decision.

Presidents traditionally have thrown out the first pitch of the season for either of the "hometown" Washington or Baltimore teams.

Former President George W. Bush, former part owner of the Texas Rangers, did the honor six times during his eight-year presidency, including the 2006 Reds opener in Cincinnati against the Cubs.

Obama is an unabashed White Sox fan and threw a ceremonial first pitch during the 2005 playoffs.



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If you're not sick of the Super Bowl already, you're not paying attention. There's been enough hype to last the rest of the year. Kurt Warner's religion; Tampa's strip clubs; Troy Polamalu's hair; the free tickets I'm getting. Haven't heard that yet? Neither have I. And I'm not happy about it. Here now, my TV picks.



NHL
Blackhawks at L.A. Kings
9:30 p.m. WGN

The Kings are in last place. This should be a gimme. Key word is "should."



COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Illinois at Minnesota
8 p.m. Big Ten Network

A battle for second in the Big Ten. Doesn't get bigger than this. Except first.



NBA
Cleveland at Orlando
7 p.m. TNT

King James' Cavs visit D12's Magic. Dwight Howard really needs a better nickname.

fame game

Shannon Owens and "Fame Game" have the week off.





Dream team

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| 1 What's Soxman planning for this weekend's SoxFest? | The "Trickin' a Sox" gag: Cut a hole in an MVP box and stick junk in. | A caped-Speedo ensemble as temperatures finally go above freezing. | Around the bases in 80 seconds. Konerko and Thome lead the session. | To find out what Southpaw did with my presidential inauguration invitation. | Talking Kenny Williams into signing a hitter who's not about to collect Social Security. @Doctor_Shauna |
| 2 Imagine a message Ozzie Guillen might send if he were on Twitter. | @twitter I'll give you finger protocol. | @JavierVazquez *#s@*#%##@*#!^%@ Adios. | [Bleep] the Cubs, [bleep] their fans, [bleep] Magglio, [bleep] Mariotti and [bleep] Tweets! | There would be more F-bombs dropped than there were in the Blagojevich wiretaps. | "He's a [bleep], that's what he is. He's another Tweeting [bleep]. [Bleep] him." @greecedlightnin |
| 3 On your own scale, how sick are you of Super Bowl hype? | Let Tampa enjoy its position on top. Usually it's lifeless. | If I hear one more detail about the PETA commercial, I'm going back to eating meat! | Can't overhype this game! Though Vince from ShamWow selling Terrible Towels is a bit much. | I give it two cross-dressing Telemundo stars. | Enough to crave universal health care. @Ron0202 |
| 4 How would you identify this edition of the Super Bowl instead of using Roman numerals? | Super Bowl 43. Like Jimmy, the Super Bowl shouldn't hide its age to attract young fans. | In virtues: Super Bowl of Love, Faith, Charity and this year Hope. If the Cards can do it so can the Cubs. | Kurt Warner 3:16. | Forty-three pictures of Amy Freeze ... every man's dream. | Replace the Roman numerals with Japanese emoticons, as in Super Bowl (z_Z). @thesepeople |
| 5 The Fire announced its schedule Wednesday. What game are you looking forward to? | Playing with Fire is not a game. Avoid those matches. | L.A. unless Becks flees for AC Milan. | The game Amy takes me to. It beats going with Skilling. | D.C. United. Will President Obama practice bipartisan cheering? | Why would I be looking forward to a game of Fire? I generally try to avoid "games" of Fire ... @reinsangeki |

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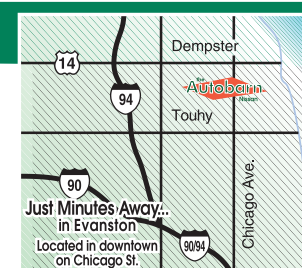


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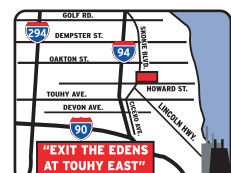
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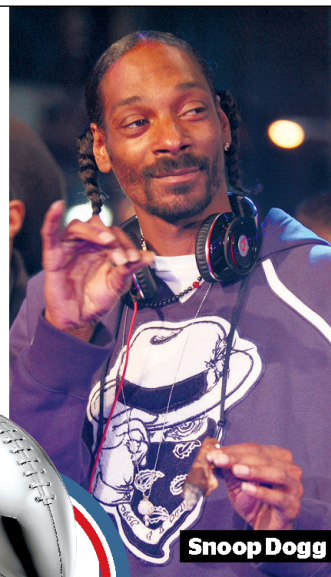
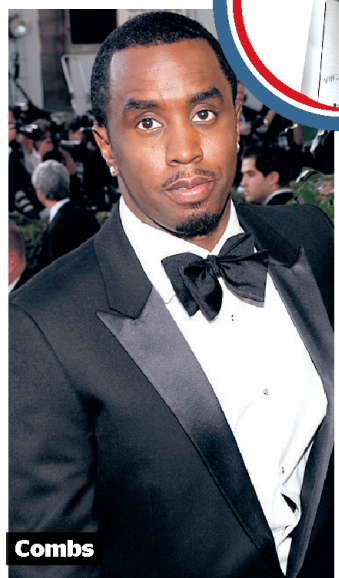
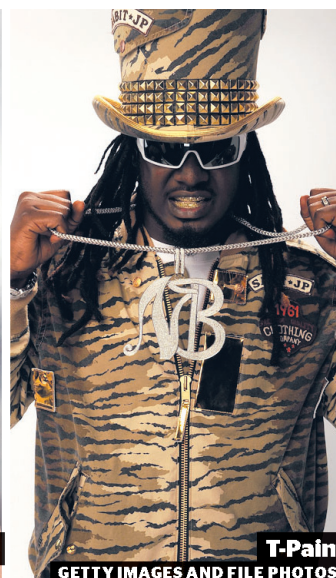


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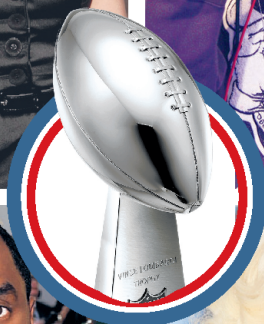
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Super Bowl brings out the best in celebratory revelry

TAMPA Kevin Costner signed on to host a glitzy Super Bowl party this year, but the truth is he doesn't really like parties all that much. Too much glad-handing, picture-taking and standing around.

"It's clearly not the need for attention. I've had enough of that for a lifetime," Costner said. "It's no fun being a celebrity. I'd rather be a performer. I'd rather sing for my supper."

That's why he'll be performing with his band Modern West this weekend.

But attention is clearly the point for many of the celebs who stage the happenings that have become as much a part

of Super Bowl week as the game itself. The Hollywood types are here, along with the hip-hop guys, dozens of current and former NFL stars, plenty of scantily clad models, prize fighters and assorted Kardashian sisters.

Ashton Kutcher and Lindsay Lohan are scheduled to be here. So is Snoop Dogg. Mike Ditka says he's bringing 100 former NFL stars with him.

Costner and ex-New York Giant Michael Strahan are co-hosting the Saturday Night Spectacular. It's going head-to-head with gigs by T-Pain and Sean "Diddy" Combs, along with an affair crawling with Playboy hotties called "Models and Bottles," and an event at a science museum hosted by boxer Antonio Tarver and Nelly.

The night before is the Maxim magazine party. Models from the magazine will be

competing for attention with those over at a party thrown by ESPN the Magazine, another at the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino hosted by Kevin Dillon of "Entourage," and a get-together featuring NASCAR driver Jimmie Johnson and Nick Lachey.

The annual "Leather and Laces" party also is Friday, hosted by Jenny McCarthy, Carmen Electra and Kim Kardashian.

Electra, who hosted a party with McCarthy at the Super Bowl last year in Phoenix, says it's a unique atmosphere.

"I think sports fans are very enthusiastic, so during the Super Bowl there's a lot of energy, a lot of people," says the model and sometime actress.

"It makes for a much more fun, lively party. ... It's going to be sexy and fun, and it's always going to be crazy at the Super Bowl."

HOMETOWN HITS



On the day he learned he would play in the Rookie Challenge and that his jersey ranks as the ninth-highest seller in the league, Derrick Rose also confirmed he would participate in the skills challenge as part of NBA All-Star weekend. "I've put a lot of thought into it and I'm going to do it," Rose said after the Bulls' shootaround at an L.A. health club. "This could be a once-in-a-lifetime thing."



The Mariners have traded recently acquired reliever Aaron Heilman to the Cubs for infielder Ronny Cedeno and left-hander Garrett Olson.

» Former Cubs outfielder Todd Hollandsworth has been added to the Comcast SportsNet pregame and postgame coverage of Cubs games this season.



You could say the camera loves the Fire. Cuauhtemoc Blanco and Co. will have 17 of their 30 regular-season games broadcast on national TV this year. Fire fans will be able to catch their team on ESPN (one game), ESPN2 (five games), Fox Soccer Channel (five games) and Telefutera (six games). WPWR will broadcast the Fire's regional games.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

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- » Blackhawks at Anaheim. Game did not end before press time.
- » Bulls at L.A. Clippers. Game did not end before press time.

For the late Bulls and Blackhawks scores, text "**late**" to **47383**. You'll get the scores sent instantly to your phone.

- » Miami (Ohio) 80, N. Illinois 52
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- » University of Wisconsin-Green Bay 83, University of Illinois-Chicago 72
- » N. Iowa 59, Illinois State 55
- » Northwestern 77, Indiana 75
- » Connecticut 71, DePaul 49

HOMETOWN HITS

Beckham may stay in Italy

David Beckham is enjoying his stay with AC Milan so much that he is considering remaining in Italy after his two-month loan expires. "Playing here is the dream of every footballer," Beckham told Italian daily Corriere della Sera on Wednesday. "But deciding isn't easy."

AUSTRALIAN OPEN Nadal, Williams advance

Rafael Nadal advanced to the Australian Open semis after a 6-2, 7-5, 7-5 win over No. 6 Gilles Simon on Wednesday. He'll face fellow Spaniard Fernando Verdasco. On the women's side, Serena Williams moved on to face Elena Dementieva in Thursday's semifinals.

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Mickey Rourke
in **"The Wrestler"**
FOX SEARCHLIGHT

Dylan Summers' staple-gun act wasn't just for 'The Wrestler'

By Matt Pais

The phone rings a few times and a man answers.

"Is this the Necro Butcher?" I ask.

"Dylan will work," says the voice on the other end.

The man chuckling at the ridiculousness of being called by his character name is the Necro Butcher, a wrestler who has spent the last decade gaining attention for his brutal battles and tolerance for pain—and, most recently, wielding a staple gun during a match with Randy "The Ram" Robinson (Mickey Rourke) in Darren Aronofsky's film "The Wrestler." But the Necro Butcher also is just Dylan Summers, a 35-year-old Pittsburgh-area resident currently hanging at home with his young daughter.

Before he enters the ring for a pay-per-view taping Saturday in Chicago Ridge, Summers spoke to us about "The Wrestler," his familiarity with staple guns and something that scares him much more than metal.

What does it feel like to have things stapled to your forehead?

Exactly the way you think it does. You have something metal stabbing you. It depends on the size and the gage of the staple too. There's big staples, and they're really hard to get out.

Is that something you can get used to or does it feel just as painful each time?

You get used to it but not used to the way it feels. You're used to going through it. It's like, "OK, this is what's going to happen." It still hurts as bad as it does the first time. It's not a surprise. You know what you're getting into.

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Necro Butcher

Some people are afraid of being surprised.

There's a large man with an evil look in his face holding a metal office tool to your skin. It's kinda intimidating.

How much did you relate to the story of "The Wrestler"?

A lot. Because he's having trouble paying his bills, his personal life's kinda screwed up, [he] doesn't see his [daughter] like he wants to, he's [struggled] with his wife, he's tried to work something out with a stripper and that's not going so good for him. [He's] locked out of his trailer, [he's] hurt. And sometimes when you're hurt you gotta work a real job to pay the bills. With the exception of [taking] steroids, that's pretty much how things have been for me sometimes.

It seems like a lot of the film's lessons are universal, but will wrestlers get the most out of the movie?

Mostly, a lot of the older fellas that I talk to say, "Aww, that's my life, man. I can just picture that happening to me."



BIG-SCREEN BUTCHER



A scene from "The Wrestler," in which Mickey Rourke's character slams Dylan Summers' character off of a ladder. FOX SEARCHLIGHT

negative. Second of all, if he could do something with "The Ram" character, [he] would have a little bit of market value because of the movie.

What's something you've done in the past that you'd be reluctant to do again?

I'm really nervous with heights. I had to do something with a ladder in the movie, and I was really, really scared of that. I had never done anything like that before—the part where he slams me off the top of the ladder. I have never climbed a ladder in my life.

If someone gave you a choice between climbing a ladder and having a piece of paper stapled to your face, you would pick the stapling?

Oh, yeah, 100 times. I am not good with heights at all. I was so scared that scene. All I could do is just try my best to hide it.

How do you think Mickey Rourke would do if he went pro?

I guess he has the look. First of all, he wouldn't make as much money. So that'd be a

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Style and substance

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You might want to spruce up your outfit before hitting the **Closets are for Clothes** party. Presented in conjunction with the "Chic Chicago" exhibition (on display through July 26), the fashion-focused bash includes hosted cocktails and a discussion about gay and lesbian designers' contributions to fashion, and the role style plays in defining sexual identity. Includes admission to an afterparty (8-10 p.m.) at Kit Kat Lounge & Supper Club. 5:30 p.m. \$10-\$12.

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Shark attack

The Playground Theater, 3209 N. Halsted St. 773-871-3793.

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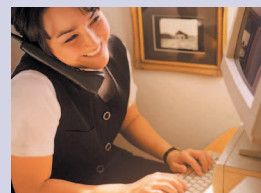
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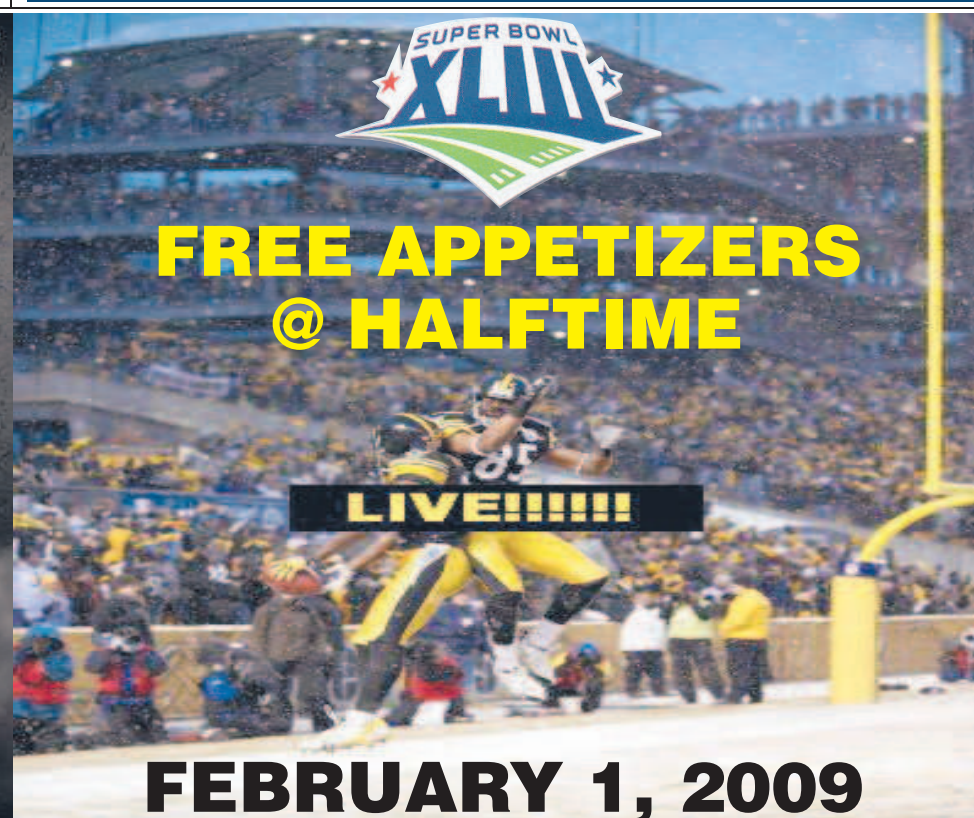
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404 WINE BAR

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C-HOUSE

Three-course tasting menu. Menu includes butternut squash soup, brioche-wrapped salmon and chocolate cream tart. Includes a glass of sparkling wine and live jazz. \$50; 166 E. Superior St., Affinia Chicago hotel. 312-523-0923.

CAFE DES ARCHITECTES

Four-course dinner. Menu includes Maine lobster salad, beef short ribs, Kumamoto oysters, Chioggia beet salad, artichoke salad, Arctic char, diver sea scallops, beef filet au poivre, rack of lamb, Swan Creek Guinea hen, chocolate pistachio dome and banana creme brulee. \$75; 20 E. Chestnut St. Sofitel Chicago Water Tower. 312-324-4000.

CUSTOM HOUSE

Four-course dinner. Select bottles of reserve wine available at reduced prices. \$80; 500 S. Dearborn St. 312-523-0200.

CYRANO'S BISTROT AND WINE BAR

Sharable five-course dinner with optional wine pairings

(\$30 extra). Menu includes oysters with mignonette, sherried lobster bisque, pan-seared sea scallops, Belgian beer-marinated filet mignon, rack of lamb and caramel cake. \$69.95; 546 N. Wells St. 312-467-0546.

DAVID BURKE'S PRIMEHOUSE

Four-course dinner with dessert, also available as a carryout option. Menu includes miso-glazed scallops, oyster shooters, Kobe beef sashimi, filet, 40-day dry-aged rib-eye, dry-aged duck breast, warm chocolate beignets and cheesecake lollipops. \$75; 616 N. Rush St. 312-660-6000.

THE DINING ROOM AT KENDALL COLLEGE

Advanced student chefs prepare a four-course BYOB dinner. Menu includes roasted carrot soup, beet salad, grilled skirt steak of grass-fed beef, pappardelle, Midwestern cheese plate, Anson Mills griddlecakes, hot chocolate with homemade coffee marshmallow and chocolate-hazelnut praline torte. \$38; 900 N. North Branch St. Kendall College, 3rd Floor. 312-752-2328.

GREEN ZEBRA

Chef Molly Harrison creates a vegetable-focused four-course dinner. \$55; 1460 W. Chicago Ave. 312-243-7100.

HARRY CARAY'S ITALIAN STEAKHOUSE

Feb. 13-14: Four-course

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dinner with optional wine pairings (\$80). Menu includes spinach fazzoletti, rosemary-rubbed lamb rack and chocolate lava cake. Regular menu also available. \$60-\$80; 33 W. Kinzie St. 312-828-0966.

LE COLONIAL

Three-course tasting menu featuring aphrodisiac ingredients. Menu includes salad of filet mignon over watercress; grilled shrimp wrapped around sugarcane with angel hair noodles, mint, cilantro and lettuce with a plum dipping sauce; sauteed chicken with Japanese eggplant, mango, yams, string beans and cashew nuts in a yellow curry sauce; chocolate mousse cake. A champagne-oysters package is offered for an extra \$125 per couple. Regular menu also available. \$60. Pre-paid reservations required; 937 N. Rush St. 312-255-0088.

MEXIQUE

Three-course dinner. Menu includes chipotle-infused lobster bisque, herb-crusted rack of lamb and coffee-braised lamb shoulder with a barbacoa sope, sweet and spicy eggplant and roasted garlic-mulato chili essence, and a chocolate "surprise"

dessert. Live music from 6-10 p.m. \$60; 1529 W. Chicago Ave. 312-850-0288.

MORTON'S, THE STEAKHOUSE

Feb. 13-15: Three-course dinner. Menu includes single-cut filet mignon, broiled sea scallops, jumbo lump crab cake, hot chocolate cake and key lime pie. Romantic extras include a dozen roses (\$50 per couple) and a bottle of Chardon Rose champagne (\$39 per couple). \$230 per couple; 65 E. Wacker Pl. 312-201-0410.

TSUKI

Four-course menu for two featuring sushi and traditional Japanese dishes, plus a bottle of Hana Awaka sparkling sake. Menu includes smoked salmon spring roll, madai carpaccio, tuna steak with balsamic sauce and pound cake on a sauteed banana. \$88 per couple; 1441 W. Fullerton Ave. 773-883-8722.

ZOCALO

Feb. 13-15: Tasting menu featuring salmon en frambuesa y chipotle and platanos flameados made with Agavero tequila, which is said to possess aphrodisiac qualities. \$65 per couple; 358 W. Ontario St. 312-302-9977.

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9450.

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THE COVER UP**

8:30 p.m. \$5. Elbo
Room, 2871 N. Lincoln
Ave. 773-549-5549.

**ALAN GRESIK'S
SWING SHIFT
ORCHESTRA**

9 p.m. \$6. Green Mill,
4802 N. Broadway. 773-
878-5552.

**AMRITA,
HOLD EVERYTHING,
NEW GHOSTS**

8 p.m. Cover varies.
Bottom Lounge, 1375
W. Lake St. 312-666-
6775.

**ANDREW AND
CASEY CALHOUN**

5:30 p.m. \$5. Bill's Blues
Bar, 1029 Davis St.,
Evanston. 847-424-
9800.

**BARRY
HARRIS TRIO**

8 and 10 p.m. Cover
varies. Jazz Showcase,
806 S. Plymouth Ct.
312-360-0234.

**BILLY BRANCH AND
THE SONS OF BLUES,
CHARLIE LOVE AND
THE SILKY SMOOTH
BLUES BAND**

9:30 p.m. \$15. Kingston
Mines, 2548 N.
Halsted St. 773-477-
4646.

BLUES OPEN MIC JAM

8:30 p.m. Free. Harlem
Avenue Lounge, 3701
Harlem Ave., Berwyn.
708-484-3610.

**BUDDY GUY, JIMMY
BURNS**

9 p.m. \$40. Buddy
Guy's Legends, 754 S.
Wabash Ave. 312-559-
1212.

**BUNKERTOWN,
DELAFIELDS**

8 p.m. \$10. SPACE, 1245
Chicago Ave., Evanston.
847-492-8860.

**CHELSEA WILLIAMS,
DAPHNE WILLIS**

8 p.m. \$15. The Morse
Theatre, 1328 Morse
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Southport Ave. 773-
525-2508.

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Local indie rock that's
purely, innocently
Chicago. With Tim
Stop Trio, Allison
Russell.

9 p.m. \$7. Martyrs',
3855 N. Lincoln Ave.
773-404-9869.

Vic Chesnutt

Singer-songwriter
who doesn't let
folk-rock get too lazy
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Elf Power.

9:30 p.m. \$12. Empty
Bottle, 1035 N. Western
Ave. 773-276-3600.

PARENTHETICALS

9 p.m. \$8.
Subterranean,
2011 W. North Ave.
housecallent.com

FRANK CATALANO BAND

7 p.m. \$10. Andy's Jazz
Club, 11 E. Hubbard St.
312-642-6805.

HAYWOOD YARDS

9 p.m. Free. Quenchers
Saloon, 2401 N.
Western Ave. 773-276-
9730.

HEAVY THE FALL

9 p.m. Free. Double
Door, 1572 N.
Milwaukee Ave. 773-
489-3160.

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8:30 p.m. \$6-\$8. Abbey
Pub, 3420 W. Grace St.
773-478-4408.

JAMES WHEELER BLUES JAM

9:30 p.m. \$5. Rosa's
Lounge, 3420 W.
Armitage Ave. 773-342-
0452.

JERRY C.

8:30 p.m. Free. The
200 East Supper Club,
200 E. Chestnut St.
312-266-4500.

JONNY LANG, JASON ESKIDGE

9 p.m. \$39-\$41.50.
House of Blues, 329 N.
Dearborn St. 312-923-
2000.

LEAF BIRD, DEADMAN FLATS

9 p.m. \$8. Hideout, 1354
W. Wabansia Ave. 773-
227-4433.

LITTLE GIANT

7 p.m. \$5. Bill's Blues
Bar, 1029 Davis St.,
Evanston. 847-424-
9800.

NANETTE FRANK AND FRIENDS

7 p.m. \$10. Little
Black Pearl Art and
Design Center,
1060 E. 47th St. 773-
285-1211.

PETRA VAN NUIS, ANDY BROWN, JOE POLICASTRO

9 p.m. \$8. Pops for
Champagne, 601
N. State St. 312-266-
7677.



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PROFESSOR JOHN

8 p.m. Cover varies. The
Underground Wonder
Bar, 10 E. Walton St. 312-
266-7761.

SAMANTHA,

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9 p.m. \$8. Beat Kitchen,
2100 W. Belmont Ave.
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SCOTT HESSE QUINTET

8:30 p.m. Cover varies.
The Velvet Lounge, 67
E. Cermak Rd. 312-791-
9050.

SHIRLEY JOHNSON BLUES BAND

9 p.m. \$8. Blue Chicago
at Ohio, 536 N. Clark St.
312-661-0100.

SONIC INERTIA QUINTET

9 p.m. \$10 suggested
donation. Uncommon
Ground on Devon, 1401
W. Devon Ave. 773-465-
9801.

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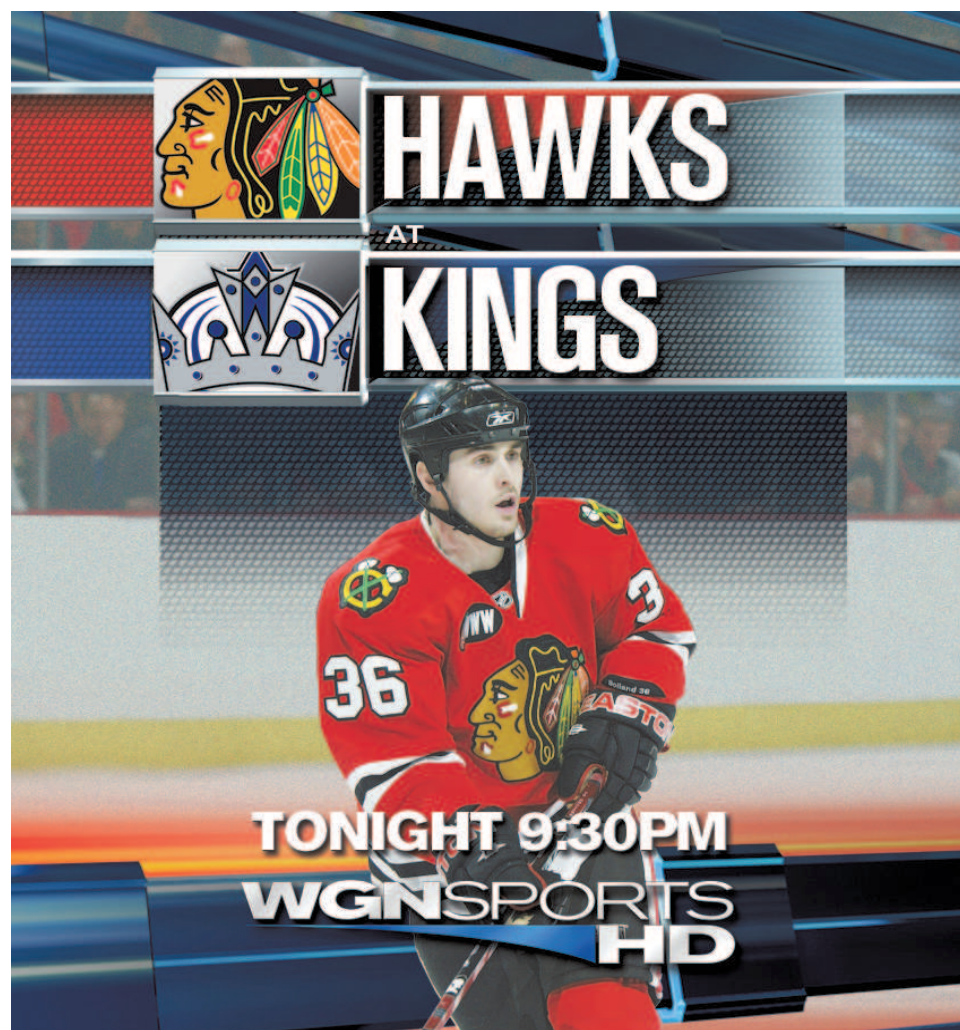
10 p.m. \$5-\$15
suggested donation.
Elastic, 2830 N.
Milwaukee Ave. 773-
772-3616.

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7:30 p.m. \$34.75-\$49.75.
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201 S.W. Jefferson St.,
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
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| LANDMARK CENTURY CENTRE CINEMA (LANDMARK) 2828 North Clark St., Chicago (773) 509-4949 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Che (NR) 1:30,7:15 Revo Road (R) 2:00,4:50,6:30,7:45,10:30 The Reader (R) 3:15,6:45,9:50 Milk (R) 1:30,4:30,7:30,10:20 Slumdog Mill (R) 1:45,3:00,4:40,7:40,9:20,10:30 Doubt (PG-13) 1:55,4:45,7:35,10:10 | FORD CITY 14 (AMC) S. Cicero at 76th, Chicago (773) 582-1839 Show times change daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMC Select - The best specialty films Inkheart (PG) 1:20,3:50,6:15,9:00 Underworld (R) 1:00,2:00,3:15,4:15,5:30,6:30,7:45,8:45,10:00 Hotel for Dogs (PG) 1:15,3:40,6:10,8:30 Notorious (R) 1:00,2:00,3:00,4:00,5:00,6:00,7:00,8:00,9:00,9:45 Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 1:10,3:25,5:40,7:50,10:00 AMC Select Defiance (R) 2:10,5:10 My Bloody Val (R) 2:20,4:50,7:15,8:15,9:40 Not Easily (PG-13) 1:40,4:10,6:30,8:50 AMC Select Gran Torino (R) 1:30,4:30,7:10,9:50 The Unborn (PG-13) 1:30,3:45,6:00,7:00,8:10,9:10 Bedtime Stories (PG) 1:00 P.M. Tale of Desp (G) 2:15,4:30 | RIVER EAST 21 (AMC) 322 E. Illinois Street 847-765-7262 Show times change daily <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMC Select Milk (R) 1:30,4:40,7:40,10:40 Inkheart (PG) 1:15,3:50,6:30,9:20 AMC Select Revo Road (R) 1:20,4:20,7:20,10:25 AMC Select Frost/Nixon (R) 2:35,5:35,8:35 AMC Select Slumdog Mill (R) 1:20,4:20,6:00,7:30,10:45 Underworld (R) 1:30,4:15,7:00,9:40 AMC Select The Wrestler (R) 2:00,3:20,5:00,7:50,8:55,10:50 AMC Select Last-Harvey (PG-13) 1:40,4:25,7:10,10:00 Hotel for Dogs (PG) 3:30,6:10,8:45 Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 1:15,3:45,6:15,8:45 My Bloody Val (R) ★ 5:00,7:45,10:40 AMC Select Defiance (R) 1:00,4:05,7:20,10:45 AMC Select The Reader (R) 1:25,4:25,7:25,10:30 Not Easily (PG-13) 3:00,5:30 AMC Select Gran Torino (R) 2:05,5:10,8:15 Bride Wars (PG) 3:05,5:30,8:05,10:45 The Unborn (PG-13) 5:25,7:50,10:25 Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2:40,6:30,10:10 Bedtime Stories (PG) 2:45 P.M. Valkyrie (PG-13) 8:00,10:50 Marley & Me (PG) 1:00,4:00,7:15,10:20 AMC Select Doubt (PG-13) 1:50,4:35,7:25,10:15 | WEBSTER PLACE (KERASOTES) 1471 W. Webster Ave., Chicago (800) 326-3264 #1641 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Defiance (R) ★ 12:30,3:00,3:45,6:30,7:00,9:40,10:10 Last-Harvey (PG-13) ★ 2:00,4:50,7:20,9:50 Bride Wars (PG) 12:20,1:50,2:45,4:15,5:10,6:50,7:40,9:15,10:00 Benjamin Button (PG-13) 12:50,2:30,4:30,6:10,8:00,9:45 Gran Torino (R) 12:40,2:15,3:30,5:00,6:40,7:50,9:30,10:30 Valkyrie (PG-13) 1:15,4:00,7:10,10:20 Frost/Nixon (R) 1:40,4:40,7:30,10:15 |
| CITY NORTH 14 (KERASOTES) 2600 N. Western Ave. (800) 326-3264 #1642 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inkheart (PG) ★ 1:00,3:40,6:30,9:10 Underworld (R) ★ 2:00,3:20,4:50,6:20,7:30,9:00,10:00 Hotel for Dogs (PG) ★ 12:50,3:50,6:50,9:30 Blart: Mail Cop (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 12:20,1:50,2:45,4:30,5:10,7:10,7:50,9:45,10:20 My Bloody Val (R) ★ 1:10,4:10,4:40,7:00,7:40,9:40,10:15 Notorious (R) ★ 12:30,3:15,6:05,8:50 Bride Wars (PG) 2:15,5:00,8:00,10:30 The Unborn (PG-13) 4:05,6:45,9:15 Benjamin Button (PG-13) 2:30,6:15,9:50 Bedtime Stories (PG) 12:45 P.M. Marley & Me (PG) 12:40,3:30,6:40,9:20 Gran Torino (R) 1:30,4:20,7:20,10:10 Tale of Desp (G) 1:20 P.M. | GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER 164 State Street 312-846-2800 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stranded (NR) 6:00,8:30 Cairo Station (NR) 6:00 Cairo As Seen (NR) Killer Poet (NR) 8:15 | CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) 7000 Carpenter Rd., Skokie (800) 326-3264 #2309 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inkheart (PG) ★ 11:40,2:10,4:50,7:30,10:10 Underworld (R) ★ 1:20,2:20,3:50,5:00,6:45,7:50,9:10,10:30 Hotel for Dogs (PG) ★ 12:40,3:20,6:10,8:40 Defiance (R) ★ 11:50,3:00,6:20,9:20 | SHOWPLACE 14 - GALEWOOD CROSSINGS (KERASOTES) E. Side of Central Ave., just S. of Grand Ave. (800) 326-3264 #1646 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inkheart (PG) 12:50,3:50,6:45,9:20 Underworld (R) 1:00,1:50,3:30,4:15,6:10,7:00,9:00,9:30 Hotel for Dogs (PG) 2:10,4:40,7:20,9:50 Defiance (R) 12:40,3:45,6:50,10:00 Blart: Mail Cop (PG) 1:30,4:20,7:10,9:40 Notorious (R) 12:30,2:00,3:15,4:50,6:05,7:50,8:50 My Bloody Val (R) 2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:10 Bride Wars (PG) 1:20,4:00,6:30,9:15 Not Easily (PG-13) 2:30,5:00,7:45,10:20 The Unborn (PG-13) 1:10,3:40,6:20,8:40 Bedtime Stories (PG) 1:40 P.M. Gran Torino (R) 1:45,4:30,7:30,10:15 |
| | LOGAN THEATRE 2646 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago (773) 252-0628 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Valkyrie (PG-13) 1:55,4:05,6:15,8:30 Bedtime Stories (PG) 2:10,4:10,6:15,8:20 Tale of Desp (G) 2:05,4:05,6:10,8:10 Twilight (PG-13) 2:00,4:15,6:25,8:40 | MUSIC BOX 3733 N. Southport, Chicago (773) 871-6604 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Wrestler (R) 5:15,7:30,9:45 Secret Grain (NR) 5:00,8:00 | CICERO SHOWPLACE 14 (KERASOTES) 4779 W. Cermak (800) 326-3264 #1644 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inkheart (PG) ★ 1:00,3:50,6:45,9:20 Underworld (R) ★ 1:20,2:30,4:00,5:00,6:30,7:45,9:00,10:20 Hotel for Dogs (PG) ★ 2:10,4:40,7:15,9:50 Defiance (R) ★ 12:40,3:40,6:50,9:55 Blart: Mail Cop (PG) ★ 1:30,4:20,7:10,9:40 Notorious (R) ★ 12:30,2:00,3:15,4:45,6:05,7:50,8:50 My Bloody Val (R) ★ 1:40,2:40,4:10,5:10,6:40,7:40,9:10,10:10 Not Easily (PG-13) ★ 1:50,4:15,7:00,9:30 The Unborn (PG-13) 1:10,3:30,6:20,8:40 Bedtime Stories (PG) 2:20,4:50,7:20,10:00 Gran Torino (R) 1:45,4:30,7:30,10:15 |
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ALL ABOUT AUSSIES

Australians are invading American pop culture. Take a look at these examples:

TV

- >> Bullies from the Australian consulate abuse Bret, Jemaine and Murray on "Flight of the Conchords" at 9 p.m. Sunday on HBO.
- >> "The Chaser's War on Everything," an Aussie-set ambush comedy show, debuted Wednesday on G4.
- >> Aussie supermodel Nicole Trunfio will co-host Season 2 of Bravo's "Make Me A Supermodel."
- >> NBC's "Kath & Kim" is based on Aussie original.
- >> Chris Lilley set his comedy "Summer Heights High" (HBO) at a Melbourne school.
- >> Bindi Irwin of "Bindi: The Jungle Girl" on Animal Planet is the daughter of "Crocodile Hunter" Steve Irwin.

OTHER TV STARS

- >> Anthony LaPaglia of "Without a Trace" on CBS
- >> Emilie de Raven of ABC's "Lost"
- >> Judy Davis of "The Starter Wife" on USA
- >> Portia De Rossi of ABC's "Better Off Ted"
- >> Julian McMahon of "Nip/Tuck" on FX
- >> John Noble of Fox's "Fringe"

MOVIE STARS

- >> Heath Ledger
- >> Eric Bana
- >> Russell Crowe
- >> Naomi Watts
- >> Mel Gibson
- >> Cate Blanchett
- >> Guy Pearce
- >> Nicole Kidman
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Travis Fimmel on "The Beast" A&E NETWORK



Down Under wonder

For 'Beast' star Fimmel, there's no place like home

From staff and news reports

How you going to keep them down on the farm after they've seen L.A.? It turns out it's easy for actor Travis Fimmel.

The Australian actor hails from a 5,500-acre dairy farm in the middle of nowhere, 10 hours from Sydney and 15 miles from the closest town.

"It's my favorite place in the world," he says with almost no accent. "My dad and one brother are working the farm. They laughed when I said I wanted to act. We laugh about it."

He doesn't do much laughing in the drama "The Beast," airing at 9 p.m. Thursdays on A&E. Fimmel plays young FBI agent Ellis Dove, who is recruited to investigate his partner Charles Barker, played by Patrick Swayze. Fimmel is one of dozens of Australian actors appearing on U.S. TV at the moment.

And, like Simon Baker of "The Mentalist," Toni Collette of "The United States of Tara" and Ryan Kwanten of "True Blood," Fimmel has erased his Aussie accent for his role.

Fimmel acknowledges that he struggled to lose his Aussie accent during the nonstop filming schedule last year in Chicago. He worked with a dialect coach to learn flat American speech, practicing in his trailer every morning.

All the focus of the show has been on Swayze's yearlong battle with pancreatic cancer. Fimmel says he learned a lot from the veteran actor.

"He taught me a lot about elegance, talking to creative people on set—because everybody's got their idea of stuff and it's a collaboration, so it's always gonna be conflicted. And he helped me deal with that a lot," says Fimmel, admitting to an "Australian temper."

"The Beast" is the 29-year-old's first major U.S. role, unless you count the syndicated series "Tarzan," which ended after eight episodes in 2003. That was one of the first roles Fimmel, a former model, ever auditioned for.

"I've been very lucky," he says. "My biggest problem is I love Australia so much, and I spend most of my time there." REDEYE, MCT, AP CONTRIBUTED.

TRAVIS FIMMEL

"The Beast" co-star and former model is perhaps best known for his Calvin Klein underwear ads. A London billboard showing his undie-clad body once caused so much head-turning and traffic congestion that it had to be removed. He also appeared on American TV in the short-lived 2003 series "Tarzan." cw



YVONNE STRAHOVSKI

As super-sexy CIA agent Sarah Walker on NBC's "Chuck," Strahovski kicks butt—sometimes in nothing but underwear—while protecting the nerdy Chuck Bartowski from evil counter agents. She's striking in 3-D on Monday's 7 p.m. episode, "Chuck vs. the Third Dimension."



RYAN KWANTEN

Thanks to his role as bad boy Jason Stackhouse on HBO's "True Blood," it's not always easy to recognize this hottie with his clothes on. He's said in interviews his explicit scenes aren't "nudity for nudity's sake." Hey brotha, no apologies needed.

RACHEL GRIFFITHS

Toni Collette's co-star in "Muriel's Wedding" is expecting her third child this July. On ABC's "Brothers & Sisters," the Oscar- and Emmy-nominated star plays Sarah, the oldest sibling in the wine-swilling, dysfunctional Walker clan.



HUGH JACKMAN

Ahh, Hugh. He's starred in movies, on Broadway and, for a very, very short moment, on TV in the musical mistake "Viva Laughlin." He'll be back on the small screen Feb. 22 when he hosts this year's Academy Awards ceremony. Sexiest ... Oscar ... host ... ever.



SIMON BAKER

It should come as no surprise that CBS' "The Mentalist" is the highest-rated new series this season. Baker, with his tousled blond hair, blue eyes and perpetual smile, pours on the charm as Patrick Jane, a former TV psychic who helps the California Bureau of Investigation bust criminals.



Aussie invasion

Forget the British invasion. With the Australian Open tennis tournament in full swing, a new Oz-filmed reality show on G4 and the Aussies-vs.-Kiwis antics on this Sunday's "Flight of the Conchords," you can't watch the idiot box without people from Down Under turning up. Here are just a few of Sheilas and blokes from Oz currently gracing American TV screens. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**



ANNA TORV

Before Torv got the role of soulful FBI agent Olivia Dunham in Fox's freaky drama "Fringe," she voiced the role of Nariko in the video game Heavenly Sword. U.S. fans also can catch her in the British series "Mistresses," which comes to BBC America Feb. 20.



TONI COLLETTE

The Oscar-nominated actress has played a goofy dimwit in "Muriel's Wedding," a concerned mom in "The Sixth Sense" and a cross-dressing cabaret singer in "Connie and Carla." It's little wonder she pulls off playing a woman with four personalities in HBO's "The United States of Tara."

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- >> Natalie Imbruglia
- >> Daniel Johns of Silverchair
- >> Bon Scott, Malcolm and Angus Young of AC/DC
- >> Kylie Minogue
- >> Dannii Minogue
- >> INXS
- >> Jeff Lang
- >> Olivia Newton-John
- >> The Australian Bee Gees Show: Feb 27 at Horseshoe Casino's The Venue; for more, go to thevenue-chicago.com

MODELS

(AND ACTRESSES)

- >> Elle MacPherson
- >> Abbie Cornish
- >> Gemma Ward
- >> Jacinda Barrett

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Skiing in Traverse City

Traverse City is festival hot spot

Associated Press

The annual February winter carnival in Traverse City, Mich., coincides this year with the North American Vasa Festival of Races, a cross-country ski event, on the weekend of Feb. 13-16.

The Vasa, in its 33rd year, offers a picturesque course for ski racers through Pere Marquette State Forest. The main competition, which features 12K, 27K and 50K races in both freestyle and classic modes, takes place Feb. 14, with 6K and 16K races Sunday.

The Cherry Capital Winter WonderFest, which was held for the first time in 2007, offers more than 50 activities and events, including sleigh rides, concerts, films, tastings, bonfires and fireworks over the snow.

A Winter Fun Zone will feature ice skating, pony rides, inflatable play structures, dogsleds, snowmobiles, snowshoeing and recreational cross-country skiing. There also will be a foot

race, a kid's snowshoe race, a frozen fish toss and a "Polar Plunge" where participants jump in an icy pond to raise money for charity.

Most of the events take place on the grounds of the Grand Traverse Resort & Spa. But nearby Mt. Holiday Ski Area also will host a few programs, such as a snowboarding "rail jam" event, a mountain bike race down the ski hill and a "Cardboard Bobsled-o-Rama" in which competitors use sleds made with cardboard, tape and paint.

In Traverse City's downtown, a "Save the Bees" dessert reception will feature local honey and a concert by Sweet Honey in the Rock at the City Opera House. Other events include ice carving and snow sculpture displays, a "frozen bed race" and a contest in which participants slurp soups made by local chefs and vote on their favorites.

Details at winterwonderfest.org, vasa.org and visitraversecity.com.

Kansas City: What's new in '09

Kansas City, Mo., is hoping to entice visitors this year with some new attractions and important milestone anniversaries. **AP**

SPRING

- » Worlds of Fun amusement park will be adding a seventh roller coaster, the wooden Prowler, scheduled to open April 18.
- » For sports fans, the NCAA Division I Men's Basketball Championship takes place in Kansas City March 19 and 21.
- » In baseball, the Kansas City Royals' renovated Kauffman Stadium has a home opener April 10.

SUMMER

- » Powell Gardens expects to open the 12-acre Heartland Harvest Garden, where everything is edible; powellgardens.org.
- » The giant Schlitterbahn water park in Kansas City, Kan., opens one of the world's largest tubing parks, with miles of interconnected rivers and attractions and an uphill water coaster; schlitterbahn.com/kc.

FALL/ WINTER

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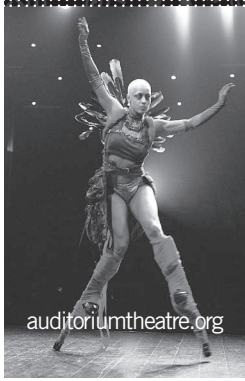
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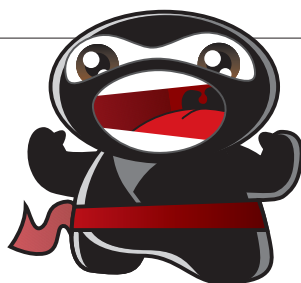
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- 6 Art style of the '20s and '30s
- 10 Small vipers
- 14 Affix firmly
- 15 Jewish month
- 16 Final Four org.
- 17 Sporting center
- 18 Actress Sorvino
- 19 Ripped
- 20 Tongue-lash
- 22 Wobbled
- 24 Five after four
- 26 Repair-shop vehicles
- 27 Partial sum
- 31 Manage
- 32 Gasteyer of "SNL"
- 33 Word of defiance
- 35 Spud
- 39 Explorer Zebulon
- 41 Musical show
- 43 Father
- 44 Parts of pipes
- 46 Vends
- 48 Noisy clamor
- 49 High times
- 51 Steer elsewhere
- 53 Bishop
- 57 Proofreader's mark
- 58 Linking up
- 60 Direct sales
- 64 Leave out
- 65 Romanov ruler
- 67 Brazenness
- 68 Created
- 69 Rubik's object
- 70 Just washed
- 71 Drove too fast
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Croft this way

Watch out, Angelina Jolie.

Looks like your days as Lara Croft are numbered.

According to The Hollywood Reporter, Warner Bros. and producer Dan Lin (“Terminator Salvation”) are developing a re-imagined “Tomb Raider” flick based on the hella popular video game series.

By most accounts, the project is in the early stages. But it’s expected to be a complete 180 from the material Jolie made famous—with new character histories, love interests and story lines. Already, speculation is rampant as to who will fill Jolie’s boots. And, depending on the Internet gossip you believe, “Transformers” hottie Megan Fox may or may not be a front-runner for the role.

We’re waiting to see how this all pans out, but in the meantime let’s take a look at how well Fox and other potential starlets might do as the Croft character fanboys all know and love.



MEGAN FOX

At this point, Fox’s greatest acting achievement is “Transformers,” in which she gained the admiration of legions of dudes after awkwardly arching her back to fix a car engine in one brief scene. It’s that kind of character depth that the Croft franchise really needs.



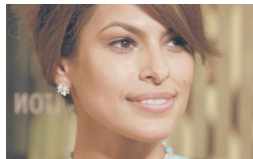
AUDRINA PATRIDGE

“The Hills” star is leveraging her MTV success into something of an acting career, having landed roles in such hard-hitting dramas as “Sorority Row” and “Into the Blue 2.” The Croft character could give her credibility, right?



BEYONCE

Her last big public performance was at one of President Obama’s inaugural balls. Since the people behind the “Tomb Raider” reboot are reportedly going in a new direction with the character, perhaps they might consider making the globe-trotting archaeologist a singer.



EVA MENDES

Mendes kicked some serious butt in the graphic novel-inspired flick “The Spirit,” which means she comes with more than enough action-fantasy street cred to step into the role of Croft. Besides, this role just seems right up her alley.



KEIRA KNIGHTLEY

Rumor has it the bigwigs behind the “Tomb Raider” update are thinking about moving away from the story of Croft’s aristocratic roots. But if they don’t, Knightley would make a smashing Lara Croft. It’d be like “Tomb Raider: Pirates of the Caribbean Edition.”



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'Slumdog Millionaire'
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'Slumdog' controversy

The hit movie "Slumdog Millionaire" is raking in the accolades and cash, but parents of two child actors in the film claim the 8-year-olds were exploited and underpaid, according to a Daily Telegraph report. Rubina Ali and Azharuddin Ismail, who played Latika and Salim in the early scenes of the film, were paid 500 British pounds (roughly \$713 in U.S. currency) and 1,700 British pounds (\$2,423), respectively. A Fox Searchlight spokesman disputed the salaries, saying the fees were more than three times the average annual salary an adult in their neighborhood would receive. They would not disclose the actual sum.

Back that dress up

Angelina Jolie likes to be comfortable. So instead of wearing her blue Max Azria gown the way it was meant to be—with a plunging neckline—at the Screen Actors Guild awards Sunday, she wore it backward, her stylist said. Jen Rade told usmagazine.com that the "Changeling" star purposefully turned around the dress to make it "more blouson."



Jolie
AP

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In or out?

Does Angelina Jolie have a future as a fashion designer or was turning around her gown a faux pas? Text **"dress"** and the number of your opinion to **47383**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1. Stylin'
2. Wardrobe malfunction!

'Sesame' special

John Mayer will be stopping by "Sesame Street" for a prime-time special with Queen Latifah and Elmo, accesshollywood.com reported.



"Coming Home: Military Families Cope With Change," will tell the stories of military personnel returning home to their families, the children's program announced Wednesday. The 30-minute special will air April 1 on PBS.

Baby on board

Good Charlotte guitarist Billy Martin and wife Linzi are the proud new parents of a baby boy, People reported. Dreavyn Kingslee Martin was born Monday in Pasadena, Calif. He is the first child for the couple. "Mom is doing great, baby is healthy," Martin told People. "I couldn't ask for anything more."

Let's not get ready to rumble

It's official: Mickey Rourke is not taking "The Wrestler" from the big screen to the ring. A spokeswoman for the actor told the AP Wednesday night that Rourke will not wrestle WWE superstar Chris Jericho at Wrestlemania 25 in April. In an e-mail, the rep said he "is focusing entirely on his acting career." Rourke had said he was going to toss Jericho around "like tossed salad."



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Kelly's back with a vengeance

Since she's been gone, fans have missed Kelly Clarkson. The first "American Idol" winner's latest single, "My Life Would Suck Without You," will make history Thursday when it leaps from No. 97 to No. 1 on the Billboard U.S. singles chart, the L.A. Times reported, breaking the record recently set by Britney Spears' "Womanizer." Clarkson's new album, "All I Ever Wanted," drops March 17.

Fans caught a sneak peek of the single's video during a commercial break on Wednesday's episode of "American Idol." It involved the shiny, happy Clarkson singing, chucking a guy's stuff out the window and putting a goldfish in peril. Catch it online at att.net; AT&T and Consumer Markets are offering access to the video for 24 hours.



Clarkson



Harris
CBS

NPH's long-lost twin?

RedEye did a double take when previewing the 8 p.m. Thursday premiere of Fox's "Hell's Kitchen." But that wasn't Neil Patrick Harris getting a verbal beating from Chef Gordon Ramsay. It was Wil Kocol of Elgin. When asked by RedEye on Wednesday if Kocol does look like Harris, Ramsay laughed and said, "definitely." For more from the interview, go to redeyechicago.com/showpatrol



Kocol
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THE VELVET ROPE

Smashing debut

Chicago rockers Smashing Pumpkins will premiere a new song in a Super Bowl commercial Sunday. According to rollingstone.com the new tune, "FOL," will serve as the soundtrack for a Hyundai ad that is scheduled to air just before kickoff.

"SNL" sting

Justin Timberlake was determined to persuade Beyonce to do a spoof of her "Single Ladies" video on "Saturday Night Live" that he dropped robe for her, he tells Katie Couric. Timberlake surprised Beyonce in her dressing room, wearing a leotard with a robe over it, AP reports. Her reaction when he dropped the robe? "I can't look anywhere but your face right now!" JT said.

Speaking of single ladies...

Kelly Rowland is a single lady—managerially speaking. The former Destiny's Child member has split with manager Matthew Knowles—Beyonce's dad—but it's all good. The two say the split was amicable and that they always will be family, according to The Associated Press.

Fat or fab?

Step off Jessica Simpson's shape, unless you want beef with Kim Kardashian and Simpson's sis. On Wednesday, Kardashian joined Ashlee Simpson-Wentz in rebuffing critics of the elder Simpson's apparent weight gain, noted during her appearance Sunday in Florida. Kardashian told people.com that Jess looked "hot," adding: "I get that she does look curvier, but to me, there's nothing wrong [with] it."

Is Joaquin serious?

As RedEye reported last week, a video of Joaquin Phoenix rapping at a Las Vegas nightclub has hit the Web. Now there are unsourced reports from Entertainment Weekly suggesting the widely panned performance was part of an elaborate hoax from Phoenix, who has said he's quitting acting to pursue music. Stay tuned.

THE DIGIT

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Odds one gambling Web site is giving that Bruce Springsteen will recreate the famous moment from his 1984 "Dancing in the Dark" video during Sunday's Super Bowl halftime show and pull Courteney Cox out of the crowd to dance with him onstage, according to rollingstone.com.

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Seeing double?

What do you think? Does Wil Kocol look like NPH? Text "chef" to 47383. You'll get the poll results instantly.

1) Dead on 2) Way off